School, one of the largest halls in Petrograd. The building was surrounded by a huge crowd of workers and soldiers. After fruitless discussion, the Soviet passed a resolution demanding a joint meeting of the government and the Executive Committee. The meeting was called at once, in the Marinsky Palace. A group in front of the buildings—perhaps two or three hundred in all—greeted the arriving members of the government with cheers and the leaders of the Soviet with boos. This was a counterdemonstration that the Cadets had hurriedly organized in support of Miliukov.

The meeting opened at 10:00 P.M. and was even more chaotic than the sessions in the Tauride Palace and Naval School. The ministers complained bitterly about the worsening situation in Petrograd and accused the regimental committees of undermining the authority of the command, and the Soviet of having staged hostile demonstrations to terrorize the government. The Soviet spokesmen stressed the spontaneous character of the demonstrations and denounced Miliukov's note as undermining the authority of both the government and the Soviet. Tseretelli demanded that the government issue an official unambiguous declaration on its foreign policy. The government finally yielded to this demand.

After midnight I returned to the Tauride Palace and took stock of the day's events. Some hundred thousand workers, in organized columns, a few of them armed, and five or six regiments carrying arms had participated in the demonstrations in the center of the city. We had kept at least five times that number of workers and soldiers out of the streets. All of the demonstrations were directed against Miliukov, rather than the Provisional Government as a whole, and expressed loyalty to the Soviet. The movement had not fallen into the hands of the Communists, although some groups with Bolshevist leanings took part in the demonstrations.

I spent the rest of the night in the palace at the telephone. Excitement in the barracks was mounting. Many regiments were holding meetings. Groups of soldiers went from barracks to barracks, "just to keep in touch with the others." In most barracks the men had taken guns and ammunition from the arsenal and refused to return them. Armored divisions were readying their tanks.

The regimental committees implored us, "Order some action, or the men will act on their own."

The Tauride Palace called back, "The government has agreed to publish a rebuttal of Miliukov's note. The crisis is almost over. Any precipitous act would be harmful."

At the same time, the Cadets were busy calling their sympathizers to Nevsky Prospect for an all-day demonstration in support of Miliukov. Their demonstration started at noon, but despite the challenge

 